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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 98-176

Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

- a. A SECTION to repeal s. NR 47.12 (10) should be inserted after SECTION 16.
- b. In s. NR 47.55 (2), “and” in par. (g) should be deleted.
- c. In s. NR 47.56 (3), par. (a) should be renumbered sub. (3) (intro.) and subds. 1. to 4. should be pars. (a) to (d). Paragraph (b) should be renumbered par. (e) and the newly created par. (c) should be par. (f).
- d. In s. NR 47.70 (1), the title should not be in bold print.

4. Adequacy of References to Related Statutes, Rules and Forms

- a. In SECTION 9, “(1)” should be inserted after “47.07.”
- b. In SECTION 45, “(1)” should be replaced with “(2).”

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

- a. In s. NR 47.07 (1) (c), the current rule ends with a semicolon. To change this to a period, striking and underscoring should be used.

b. Section NR 47.18 (2) would be clearer if “; this limit may be lowered” were replaced with “, although this limit may be lowered.”

c. In s. NR 47.20 (6), “approved practices” should be replaced with “approved practice” to be consistent with the text of the current rule.

d. Section NR 47.55 (2) would be clearer if “any of the following” were inserted before the colon.

e. Section NR 47.56 (1) (d) refers to the current department fringe rate percentage. In the current rule, there is a note stating what this percentage is. It would be helpful to at least include information relating to how one determines what the percentage is as well as information about how one may find out the annual county equipment rates.

f. In s. NR 47.56 (2), a comma should be inserted after “equipment.”

g. In s. NR 47.56 (3) (a) 3., the current rule ends with a semicolon.

h. Section NR 47.57 (intro.) would be clearer if written as “~~In selected projects~~ Projects selected for grants under this subchapter, shall relate to urban forestry and the department may give priority to the following listed in no particular order:”.

i. In s. NR 47.70 (1), “fringe benefit” should be replaced with “fringe benefits.” This comment also applies to subs. (2) (f), (3) (c) and (4) (a).

j. In s. NR 47.70 (3) (a), “~~which~~” should be replaced with “~~when~~” to be consistent with the current text.

k. In the last line of s. NR 47.70 (4) (c), “to” should be deleted.